

Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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From: Diane C. Eidam

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Action**

Ref: Project Approval to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the North Terminal Operations Improvement Project

Issue:

Should the Commission approve the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's application for San Francisco Terminal rail environs track and signal improvements and to install crossovers using Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99636) for a total of \$1,100,000 on this project?

Recommendation:

Commission staff has reviewed the Proposition 116 amended application, as well as subsequent clarifications and recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's application for Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99636) for the North Terminal Operations Improvement Project.

Background:

Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99636 [a], [b], [c], and [d]) authorizes \$173,000,000 to Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) for CalTrain capital improvements and acquisition of rights-of-way.

In July 2005, the Commission approved amended applications from the JPB that resulted in Proposition 116 funds remaining unprogrammed due to previous cost savings.

In October 2005, the Commission received an application for \$1,100,000 in Proposition 116 funds for the North Terminal Operations Improvement Project that will improve the reliability and functionality of the rail system and also allow for an increase in the train entering and exit speeds to the San Francisco Terminal. This project will also include the installation of new crossovers that will improve Caltrain's ability to divert trains from one main track to the other in the northern reaches of the corridor, thereby reducing delays and providing increased operational flexibility.

The total project cost is as follows:

Proposition 116	\$1,100,000 (PUC Section 99636[a] \$366,667, [b] \$366,666, and [c] \$366,666)
SHA	\$ 8,000
RM2 Bridge Tolls	\$ 714,000
JPB Operator funds	\$1,790,249
FTA Sec. 5307	\$5,003,180
FTA Sec. 5309	<u>\$9,873,002</u>
	\$18,488,431

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval Amendment
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Proposition 116 Application for
North Terminal Operations Improvement Project

Resolution PA-05-__

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the financial plans include a back-up funding plan, should the project exceed the cost approved by the Commission the increased cost shall be covered by funds other than Proposition 116; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, the Commission has established a Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up Policy (#G-91-2) that requires the local agency to have performed full due diligence in identifying the hazardous waste in the right-of-way and easements and properties as well as clean-up, and that the state has been indemnified from clean-up liability of damages, both present and future; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, in December 1990 the Commission adopted policy and application guidelines (#G-90-23) for the Proposition 116 rail program; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99636 authorizes \$173,000,000 to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for CalTrain capital improvements and acquisition of rights-of-way, as follows:
 - (a) In the City and County of San Francisco, \$13,000,000
 - (b) In San Mateo County, \$19,000,000

- (c) In Santa Clara County, \$21,000,000, to be allocated for expenditure as follows:
 - 1) Existing service from San Jose, \$17,000,000.
 - 2) Extension of service south of San Jose to the county line, \$4,000,000
- (d) Acquisition of rights-of-way, \$120,000,000; and

1.10 WHEREAS, in October 2005, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board submitted an application for \$1,100,000 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99636[a] \$366,667, [b] \$366,666, and [c] \$366,666) for the North Terminal Operations Improvement project to improve the reliability and speeds on the Caltrain in the San Francisco corridor.

2.1 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the request for \$1,100,000 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99636[a] \$366,667, [b] \$366,666, and [c] \$366,666) for the North Terminal Operations Improvement project; and

2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.